

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM KEANE**, on February 15, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Keane, Chairman (D)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 494, 2/9/2005; HB 517, 2/9/2005;
HB 567, 2/9/2005; HB 549, 2/9/2005
Executive Action: HB 372, HB 500, HB 418, HB 502

HEARING ON HB 494

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. EVE FRANKLIN (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on **HB 494**,
Revise laws related to deferred deposit loans.

00:03:18

EXHIBIT (buh37a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:36 Jessie Lundberg, Montana Alliance for Responsible
Finance

EXHIBIT (buh37a02)

00:15:18 Pam Busse, Attorney Generals Office

00:17:31 Diane Zbinden, Consumer Credit Counseling

00:19:54 Alex Ward, AARP

EXHIBIT (buh37a03)

00:22:02 Kim Abbott, Economic Freedom Group

EXHIBIT (buh37a04)

00:24:43 Terry Kendrick, Womens Opportunity and Resource
Development

EXHIBIT (buh37a05)

00:26:33 Tara Veazey, Montana Legal Services Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:32 J.D. Lynch, Financial Service Center Association

00:30:18 Nathan Peterson, Montana Financial Service Centers
Association

00:34:52 Riley Johnson, Community Financial Services
Association

EXHIBIT (buh37a06)

00:38:43 Bernie Harrington, Montana Financial Service
Centers Association

EXHIBIT (buh37a07)

00:46:57 Cindy Bertch, Quik Check

00:47:48 Mark Staples, Consumer Loans of America

00:49:38 Todd Coutts, Advance Finance

00:49:57 Jerry Michels, Red D Cash

00:50:08 Tony Longin, Community Financial Services
Association

00:50:21 Stacy Henessy, Colortyme

00:50:40 Cindi Edward, Express Check Cashing
00:50:50 Dan Krum, Community Financial Services Association
00:51:00 Darla Agrap, Helena

Informational Testimony:

00:51:20 SEN. JEFF MANGAN, SD 12, GREAT FALLS
00:51:56 Annie Goodwin, Commissioner of Banking
00:52:14 Jill Jarman, Montana Credit Union Network

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:06

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:45

REP FUREY entered the room.

HEARING ON HB 517

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BRADY WISEMAN (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 517,
Provide for issuance of a Montana distillery license.

01:21:03

[EXHIBIT](#)(buh37a08)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:24:10 Mike Uda, Attorney in Helena
01:33:40 George Ochenski, Microdistillery Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(buh37a09)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:36:46 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:42

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:51

HEARING ON HB 567

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JEANNE WINDHAM (D), HD 12, opened the hearing on **HB 567**, Allow unemployment benefit for quitting due to sexual offense or stalking.

01:57:37

EXHIBIT(buh37a10)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:01:41 Tootie Welker, Sanders County Domestic Violence
Sexual Assault Program

EXHIBIT(buh37a11)

02:06:18 Jessica Grennan, Associated Women Students

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:07:57 Roy Mulvaney, Department of Labor and Industry

02:08:22 Don Gilbert, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:08:33

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:50

HEARING ON HB 549

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on **HB 549**, Prohibit privatization of Central Stores.

02:14:57

Proponents' Testimony:

02:21:44 Terry Minow, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony:

02:23:38 Kelley Patzer, Empire Office Machines

02:26:38 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Business

Informational Testimony:

02:28:57 Marvin Eicholtz, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:29:21

Closing by Sponsor:

02:37:04

REP BERGREN entered the room

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 372

Motion: REP. GALVIN-HALCRO moved that HB 372 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:58:25

Vote: Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with REPS. MCKENNEY, MENDENHALL, and MILBURN voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 500

Motion: REP. VILLA moved that HB 500 DO PASS.

Discussion:

03:15:46

Motion/Vote: REP. VILLA moved that HB 500 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: REP. VILLA moved that HB 500 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

03:16:45

Vote: Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with REPS. BERGREN, DOWELL, FUREY, GALLIK, GALVIN-HALCRO, JOPEK, VILLA, and WINDY BOY voting aye.

Motion/Vote: REP. MCKENNEY moved that HB 500 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried 10-8 by voice vote with REPS. BERGREN, DOWELL, FUREY, GALLIK, GALVIN-HALCRO, VILLA, and WINDY BOY voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 418

Motion: REP. STAHL moved that HB 418 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. STAHL moved that HB 418 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

03:26:16

[EXHIBIT](#) (buh37a12)

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: REP. KEANE moved that HB 418 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

03:29:07

Vote: Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with REP. MILBURN voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 502

Motion: REP. GALVIN-HALCRO moved that HB 502 DO PASS.

Discussion:

03:30:36

Without objection REP. GALVIN-HALCRO withdrew her motion that HB 502 DO PASS.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:40 A.M.

REP. JIM KEANE, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh37aad0.TIF](#))